

A AYR

May C-6228 18

# COPY OF

## THE PROPOSITIONS

SENT

From the Army to the Parliament by Lieut.  
Generall *Cromwell*, for the removall of severall  
grievances particularly expressed  
therein.

With the Names of those Lords and Com-  
moners, authorized by both Houses of Parliament,  
for reliefe of all those souldiers, or any other persons  
who have done service for the Parliament, and  
so free them from all troubles, suites,  
and vexations for the same.



LONDON:

Printed for G. R. May 24





*The Copy of a Letter from an Officer in the Army, to a Person  
of honour.*

*Right Honourable.*

I Have here inclosed, the Copy of the Propositions of the Army  
for the removeall of the agreements sent by Lieutenant Gen.  
Cromwel, delivered to him, Field-Marshal Generall Skippon, Com.  
Ireton, and Col. Fleetwood, as the sense of the whole Army: But the  
main thing which the Officers and Sculdiers doe expect is the pas-  
sing of the Act of Indempnity, I doubt not but these desires will bee  
looked upon as humble representations of their grievances, And I  
hope there will be such a right understanding, that this Army will  
dishband in love, and they lay down their Armes in peace, and all  
things settled to Gods glory, and the peace and tranquility of the  
Church and Kingdome And so prays

Your Honourable servant,

Walden the 21. of  
May, 1647.

G. S M I T H.

May 21. 1647.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament do ordain and de-  
clare, That no person, or persons whatsoever, who have since  
the beginning of this present Parliament. A<sup>d</sup>ed, or done any  
Act, or thing whatsoever by Authority of Parliament, or for  
the service or benefir thereof, by Sea or by Land, ought not to  
be sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested for the same: And  
that every such person or persons whatsoever, are and shall be  
hereby fully acquitted and discharged, &c.

Earle of Northumberland.  
Earle of Kent.  
Earle of Rutland.  
Earle of Pembroke.  
Earle of Lincoln.  
Earle of Nottingham.  
Earle of Suffolke,  
Earle of Salisbury.  
Earle of Warwick.  
Earle of Denbigh.  
Earle of Middlesex.  
Earle of Manchester.  
Earle of Mulgrave.  
Earle of Stamford.  
Viscount Hereford.  
Viscount Say.  
Lord De-la-warre.  
Lord Berkly.  
Lord Wharton.  
Lord Willoughby.  
Lord North.  
Lord Hunsdon.  
Lord Gray of warke.  
Lord Roberts.  
Lord Howard.  
Lord Bruce,

Commons,

Mr. Hollis.  
Col. Birch.  
Mr. Swinson.  
Mr. Maynard.  
Mr. Boies.  
Mr. Recorder.  
Mr. Solicitor.  
Col. Pursey.  
Col. Harvey.  
Sir Phil. Stapleton.  
Col. Morley.  
a Wil. Allenton.

Livet. Gen. Massey.  
Mr. Whislock.  
Sir Gilbert Garard.  
Sir William Waller.  
Mr. Edwards.  
Mr. Challenger.  
Livet. Gen: Cromwell.  
Mr. Tate.  
Sir William Massan.  
Sir Sam. Luke.  
Mr. Lisle F. M., Gen. Skippon.  
Mr. Fr. Allen.  
Col. Walton.  
Mr. Rigby.  
Sir Iohn Maynard.  
Mr. Selden.  
Mr. Gote.  
Sir Will. Brenton.  
Mr. Grimston.  
Mr. Darley.  
Mr. Dove.  
Sir Fr. Bampfild.  
Lord Monson.  
Sir Mich. Livesey.  
Sir Thomas Widdrington.  
Sir Ar. Hazilrigge.  
Mr. Banton.  
Mr. Nicholes.  
Mr. Weaver.  
Mr. Nat: Fines.  
Col. Rainbowrough.  
Major. Harison.  
Mr. Wal. Long.  
Mr. Hollows.  
Mr. Mich. Corbet.  
Col. Thomson.  
Mr. Drake.  
Sir Thomas Middleton.  
Mr. William Perpoint.

*A Copy of the Propositions sent from the Army to the Parliament,  
by Lieutenant Generall Cromwell for the remouall of severall  
grievances particularly expressed therein.*

**F**irst, that whereas it pleases the honourable houses of  
Parl. upon mis information falsely suggested unto  
them, to declare and immediatly publish in print to the  
Kingdome, that the Petition of the Army, being but on-  
ly an intention, did tend to put the Army into a distem-  
per and mutiny, to obstruct the relief of *Ireland*, and to  
put conditions upon the Parl. and declaring the Petition-  
ners, if they shall proceed therein, no lesse then enemies  
to the State, and disturbers to the Publique Peace, which  
said heaue charge remaining upon record, as a *Memo-  
randum* of infamy upon us to posterity; we cannot chuse  
but be deeply sensible therof, and with amazement, won-  
der how so humble and innocent adresse, intended to the  
Generall, could beget so strange an interpretation,  
2. That whereas those persons that have attempted to  
beget and attempt and foment divisions betweene the  
Parl. and their Army, by their surreptitious obtaining &  
misrepresenting our Petitions, and by producing other  
scandalous Letters from unknown hands by them pro-  
duced, the Authors whereof are concealed, & not brought  
forth to make a judiciall prooffe of those things laid to  
our charge, which we cannot but look upon as a just cause  
of griefe, that the suggestors of such untruths seeme to  
be encouraged, and we who are innocent remain unjusti-  
fied.

That

That divers Officers of the Army of publike and known integrity, have bin (upon what grounds we know not) sent for to the Parl. as delinquents, Some whereof do at this present attend there, and cannot procure a tryall, having nothing considerable laid to their charge, &c.

4. That whereas we understand that the Parl. hath voted a sudden disbanding of the Army, not having made sufficient provision for the awaiting of our arrears, and stating of our accounts, our own reason, and experience of others, makes us sensible, how difficult, chargeable, & uncertain the obtaining thereof will be after our disbanding, and therefore justly make us sensible thereof.

Fifthly, That no provision hath bin made for the payment of our dearly earned wages by the expence of our blood, and often hazard of our lives, saving a vote of six weekes upon disbanding, which is so meane a requital of our faithfull service, the Kingdome being now settled in peace, that it will inevitably expose us (especially the private souldiers to great extremities) being hardly sufficient to maintaine many of them in their journeys to their own homes.

6. That nothing as yet hath beene perfected for our future security for things done as Souldiers, in relation to the warre which the exigency thereof hath compelled thereunto, &c.

7. That we stand in fear (especially the private Souldiers) of being impress or forced to serve as soldiers out of the Kingdom, many of them having spent their times freely in the publike service of the Kingdome, forsaking their trades, their only livelyhood, to which many desire to return again for their better future livelihood.

8. That whereas divers of us (especially the private souldiers) who were Apprentices in London and other parts

of the Kingdom, have voluntarily ingaged themselves in the service being encouraged therevnto by the Parll. Declaration, shewing that the time that they should so spend in the prosecution thereof, should be so effectually in order to their freedom, as if they had remained with their severall respective Masters, notwithstanding which many have refused to give some of us freedoms, who may justly claime it by the Parliaments Declaration for that purpose.

9. That many souldiers who have lost their lives, widowes who have lost their husbands, and children their parents in this service, and thereby reduced to great extremities, even to beggery for want of provision for their subsistence, are not sufficiently provided for a future livelyhood,

10. That whereas divers persons hath both privately and publicly laboured by aspersions & false calumnies to make us odious to the Kingdome, having published many scandalous bookes, such as *Mr. Edwards Gangrena*, and divers others of that nature, the severall particulars whereof we protest against as most false, and are confident that it proceeded not from any probable ground, which may argue such an intention in us, but singly from the malice of our enemies.

11. That notwithstanding the great care of the Committee and Treasures of the Army, and the cheerfull readinesse of most Counties for the paying of Assesments, as those where we now quarter do affirme, neverthelesse the private souldiers are necessitated, to take free quarter for the present, which is very irksome unto us to bee so burdensome to our friends.

Having thus according to your commands, as fully as we are able accounted unto you, what was the true ground

ruine leace of the Army, and not their imaginary conceits, but their grievances, that inevitably fall upon us, unless the Parliament take course to prevent them: if the time allowed us by you would admit, we could more fully demonstrate. We assume the boldnesse to intreat you to be deeply sensible of, and represent to the Parliament these particulars, in such an humble way, and to right us if we shall be misrepresented to the Parliament by any, and so farre as you can cover our weaknesse, that have or may slip from us, and prevent any scandalls, that the malice of any men do seek herein to asperse us, when we shall be inquired into.

To the right Honourable Philip Skippon,  
Field-Marshal Generall, Lieutenant  
Generall Cromwell, Commissary Gen:  
Ireton, and Colonell Fleetwood.

FINIS.



